



PROFILE

Accomplished public utility regulation professional focused on utility reliability and consumer outreach and advocacy, with significant experience in utility rate regulation, smart grid deployment, consumer engagement, natural gas pipeline expansion, replacement programs and energy policy.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Provide legal and policy guidance to the Environmental Defense Fund with particular focus on the following proceedings at the California Public Utilities Commission: Residential Rates/Time-Variant Pricing, Long-Term Procurement Planning & Resource Adequacy, Demand Response, Natural Gas Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and General Rate cases.
- Lead counsel on the Washington Gas Light Company rate proceeding, wherein the Office of the People's Counsel was successful in defeating substantial claims asserted by the utility for a rate increase. As lead, I successfully defeated the utility's proposed \$50 million pipeline replacement program as unwarranted. Ultimately, the utility was granted less than 30% of the requested rate increase.
- Lead representative on the Productivity Improvement Working Group tasked with reviewing and analyzing proposed utility projects for cost/benefit to consumers, reviewing resource planning and vegetation management plans to ensure adequate reliability.
- Lead counsel on Washington Gas Light Company's rate mechanism proceeding, wherein the Office of the People's Counsel was successful in defeating the utility's claim in its entirety.
- Co-lead representative of the Office of the People's Counsel on the Board of Directors of the PowerCentsDC pilot program designed to test customer engagement with advanced pricing signals for electric service. The pilot program was conceived by the Office and included the participation of the local electric utility, the public service commission and the local union of electrical workers.
- Represented the Office on the Mayor's Pipeline Undergrounding Task Force and the Emergency Response Subcommittee of the Task Force to address the adequacy of electric service in the District and the cost/benefits of undergrounding primary and secondary cable to address issues of reliability.
- Represented and advocated on behalf of the consumer advocate in utility proceedings involving telecommunications, natural gas, electric and water issues.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CONSULTANT, Walnut Creek, CA
Environmental Defense Fund

2013-present

- Provide public utility regulation advocacy and policy overview, including both written and oral representation for clients.

OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNSEL, Washington, D.C.
Supervisor of Litigation
Assistant People's Counsel

2010-2013

2003-2010

- Responsible for the supervision and management of the Litigation Division personnel of the Office, consisting of attorneys, technical and administrative staff. Responsibilities include the supervision and management of all tasks, deadlines, submissions and external meetings assigned to the Litigation Division and its personnel.
- Review and analyze complex financial, regulatory and legal applications and statements from public utilities. Responsibilities include the issuing of discovery and discovery responses, testimony and briefs and conducting cross-examination and oral advocacy during litigation.
- Direct and manage financial and legal consultants and Office staff during administrative hearings and investigations. Responsible for the project management of formal proceedings before the Public Service Commission, including the quantity and quality of work produced by outside and internal staff.
- Responsible for the drafting and editing of all Litigation Division consumer outreach materials, including the Annual Report, consumer Fact Sheets, web articles and Mid-Year updates. In addition to the published materials, responsible for the coordination and participation of in-person briefings for both Office staff and external stakeholders on Litigation Division activities.
- Responsible for communicating the Litigation Division positions and activities into understandable text and ideas for lay consumers, council members, and other non-legal stakeholders.
- Responsible for the policy, litigation strategy and program development of Litigation Division pleadings and documents.
- Assist in the recruitment and hiring of legal and non-legal staff, including the drafting of job postings, review of potential candidates and interviewing of potential candidates.
- Serve as the Ethics Officer of the Office, responsible for the review of all ethics issues and policy questions.

CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL, New Britain, CT
Staff Attorney

1997-2003

- Responsible for the investigation, legal research, case preparation, both through written filings and oral presentation, of water, electric, natural gas and telecommunications cases before the CT Department of Public Utility Control and the Connecticut courts.
- Lead attorney responsible for representing the Office during the Yankee Gas rate proceeding.

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- Conducted extensive research and writing of legal memorandum, briefs, and pleadings regarding public utility law, consumer protection, administrative law and regulatory law.
 - Applied knowledge of federal and state statutes, legal processes and forms to administrative hearings and appeals before the Connecticut courts.
 - Represented the Office before the Connecticut legislature committee tasked with drafting statutes governing the licensing of electric suppliers and the education of the public on electric deregulation.

PRESENTATIONS

GridWeek 2011, Consumer Symposium, Innovations in Energy Literacy-Substitute Panelist

DC Community Outreach-Presenter on numerous topics, including electric reliability, natural gas and electric rates and AMI deployment

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SCHOOL OF LAW, Hartford, CT	1994-1997
J.D., May 1997, G.P.A. 3.120	

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, Lee Honors College, Kalamazoo, MI	1991-1994
B.A., Political Science, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> , April 1994, G.P.A. 3.88	
Minor: Professional and Applied Ethics	

BAR LICENSES

State of Connecticut-1997
District of Columbia-2003